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Attorney Docket Number	ASU P950

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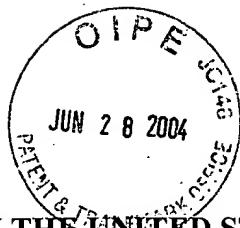
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IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
DAVIDSON ET.AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/507,542

FILED: FEB. 18, 2000

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR GEOMETRIC VARIATIONS TO  
INTEGRATE PARAMETRIC  
COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN WITH  
TOLERANCE ANALYSES AND  
OPTIMIZATION

Examiner: Eduardo Garcia-Otero

Group Art Unit: 2123

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby files this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced patent application, in response to the Advisory Action of May 24, 2004. Re-examination and allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to file the RCE. A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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